

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Salmeterol
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time for responding to the Action mailed on March 30, 2006 be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for three (3) months, so that the extended period for response will end on September 30, 2006.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time is \$1,020.00 and will be paid during electronic filing via the Renvenue Accounting and Management System. However, it if is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 are due in connection with this Reply, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees, and/or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Respectfully submitted,

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